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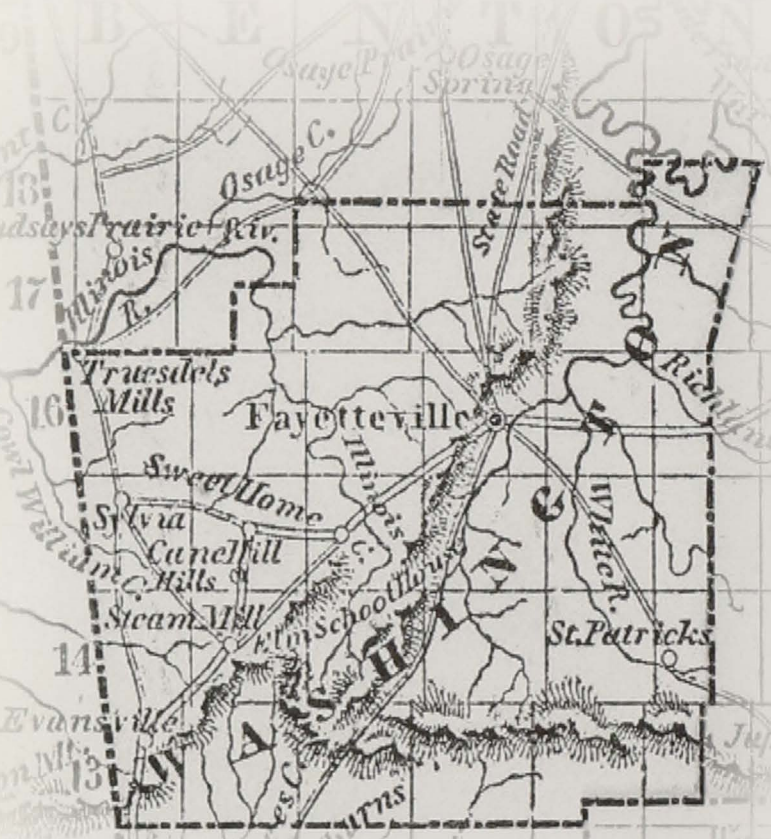

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Welcome

Thank you for your membership in the Washington County Historical Society. Through your membership, the society will continue its mission of preserving and promoting the history of our county to visitors and new residents within our community and to future generations. It's a fascinating story about how this area and people came to be what it is and who we are.

To help members get started learning more about the county, the Washington County Historical Society has created this reference guide. In it you will find interesting places to visit such as historic buildings, locations and landmarks. Many can be reached from Fayetteville in an hour or less. There is also a small list of books and resources available on Washington County history. These may be found in area museum book stores and many of our local libraries. Finally, there is a list of annual festivals and events in communities within our county where you can enjoy traditional activities and learn about the history of the area.

Be sure to visit our website, www.washcohistoricalsociety.org, to receive updates on scheduled events, activities and historical presentations in our county. Also, LIKE us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Washington-CountyHistorical-Society.

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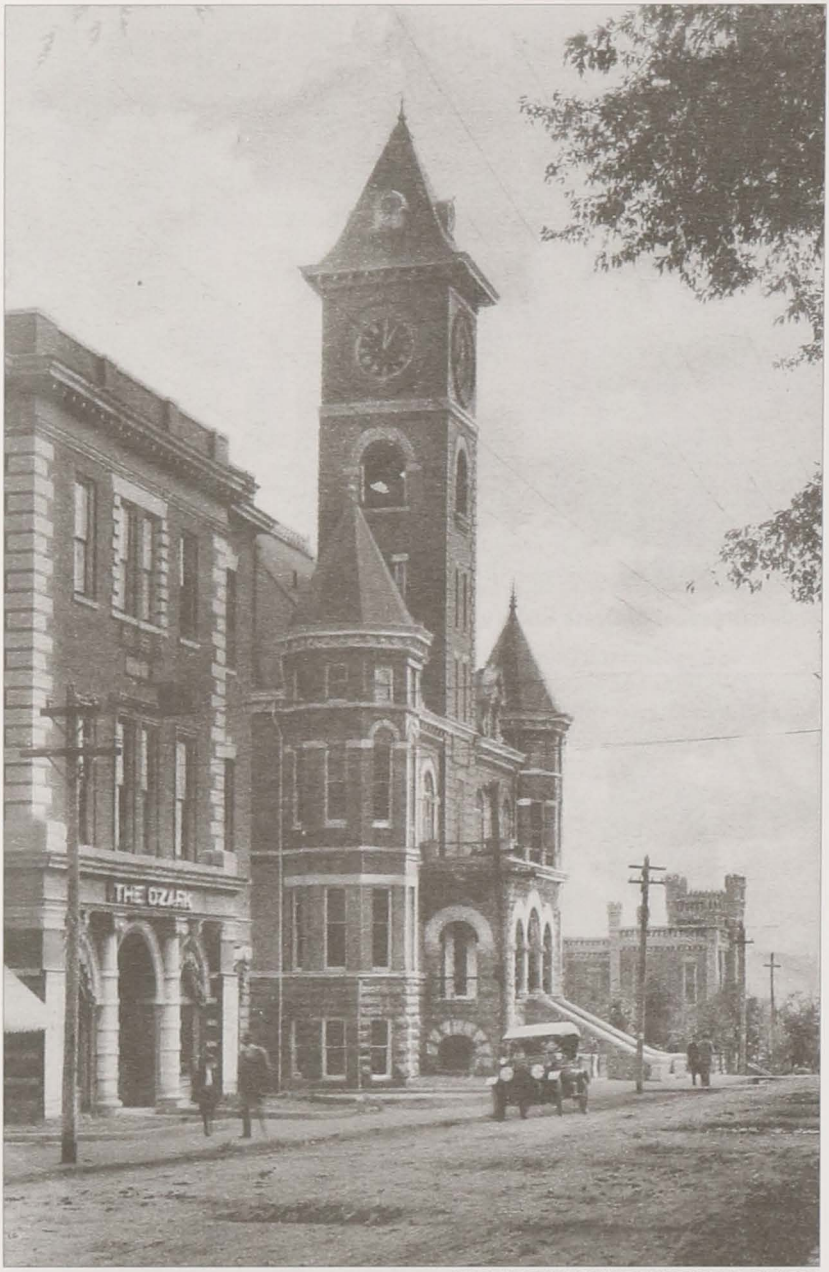
Headquarters House Museum, 118 E. Dickson St., Fayetteville



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The Historic Washington County Courthouse, a center of public gatherings for more than a century and home to the county's archives today.

Shiloh Museum of Ozark History, 118 W. Johnson Ave., Springdale.

Clinton House Museum, 930 W. Clinton Drive, Fayetteville.

Museums and Collections

Arkansas Air & Military Museum
429 S. School Avenue
Fayetteville, AR 72701
479-521-4947
www.arkansasairandmilitary.com

Arkansas Archeological Survey
2475 N Hatch Avenue
Fayetteville, AR 72704
479-575-3556
archeology.uark.edu

Arkansas Country Doctor Museum
107 N. Starr Avenue
Lincoln, AR 72744
479-824-4307
drmuseum.net

Cane Hill Museum
14335 South Hwy. 45
Cane Hill , AR 72717
479-824-5339
www.historicalcanehill.com

Clinton House Museum
930 W. Clinton Drive
Fayetteville, AR 72701
479-824-4455
www.clintonhousemuseum.org

Headquarters House Museum
118 E. Dickson St.
Fayetteville, AR 72701
479-521-2970
www.washcohistoricalsociety.org

Historic Elm Springs Museum
106 Water Avenue
Elm Springs, AR 72728
479-601-3803
www.historicelmsprings.com

McCarren Transportation Museum
305 E. Emma Ave.
Springdale, AR 72764
479-725-4017
nwahr.org/museum/Friends

Ozark Folkways Heritage Center
22733 U.S. 71
Winslow, AR 72959
479-634-3791
www.ozarkfolkways.org

Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park
506 E. Douglas Street
Prairie Grove, AR 72753
479-846-2990
www.arkansasstateparks.com/
prairiegrovebattlefield

Razorback Museums, Fayetteville
Bud Walton Arena Hall of Champions Museum
Bud Walton Arena
1270 Leroy Pond Drive
479-575-8618

Jerry Jones/Jim Lindsey Hall of Champions Museum
Reynolds Razorback Stadium
350 N. Razorback Road
479-575-8618

Shiloh Museum of Ozark History
118 W. Johnson Avenue
Springdale, AR 72764
479-750-8165
www.shilohmuseum.org

Tontitown Historical Museum
251 E. Henri de Tonti Boulevard
Tontitown, AR 72770
479-361-9800
www.tontitown.com/index-php/
tontitown/museum

Winslow Museum
108 N. Winslow Blvd.
Winslow, AR 72959
479-634-3901
winslowmuseum.com

Designated Historic Sites

The following sites have been approved for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Many are privately owned and may be seen from public rights of way, but are not open to the public.

Appleby

Mack Morton Barn, 11516 Appleby Road

Cane Hill

Bethlehem Cemetery, approximately 4 miles southwest of Cane Hill on Highway 45, near its junction with County Road 442
Blackburn House, Main at College Streets
Cane Hill Battlefield, area surrounding Highway 45 and County Roads 291, 8, 284, and 285
Canehill Cemetery, County Road 13
Cane Hill College Building, McClellan and College Streets
A.R. Carroll Building, Main Street and County Road 764
Earle House, east of Highway 45
D.N. Edmiston House, Main Street
John Edmiston House, Off Highway 45
Zeb Edmiston House, County Road 763
E.W. McClellan House, southwest of Cane Hill west of Highway 45
Methodist Manse, Main and Spring Streets
Moore House, northwest of Cane Hill on County Road 13
Pyeatte Mill Site, south of Cane Hill on Highway 45
Henry Pyeatte House, north of Cane Hill on Highway 45
United Presbyterian Church of Cane Hill, Main Street
William Welch House, Main Street

Cincinnati

County Road 6 Bridge, on County Road 6, approximately 0.5 miles south of its junction with County Road 820

Dutch Mills

Evansville-Dutch Mills Road Bridge, County Road 464

Elkins

Maguire-Williams House, 19105 Highway 74
Tom Smith House, Highway 74 west of its junction with Highway 295, northeast of Elkins
Stokenbury Cemetery, Highway 16
White River Bridge at Elkins, County Road 44

Farmington

Walnut Grove Presbyterian Church, Highway 170

Fayetteville

Agriculture Building-University of Arkansas
Business Administration Building-University of Arkansas
Butterfield Overland Mail Route Segment, Fayetteville Historic District, west of Highway 265 in Lake Fayetteville Park
Ella Carnall Hall-University of Arkansas, Arkansas Avenue and Maple Street
Chemistry Building-University of Arkansas
Chi Omega Chapter House, 940 Maple Street
Chi Omega Greek Theatre, Dickson Street, University of Arkansas
Clack House, 725 E. Dogwood Lane
Clinton House, 930 S. Clinton Drive
David and Mary Margaret Durst House, 857 Fairview Drive
Evergreen Cemetery, junction of University and William Streets
Fayetteville Confederate Cemetery, Rock Street, approximately 800 feet north of its junction with Willow Street
Fayetteville National Cemetery, 700 Government Avenue
Fayetteville Veterans Administration Hospital, 1100 N. College Avenue
Adrian Fletcher Residence, 6725 Huntsville Road
Fire Station No. 1, 303 W. Center
Fire Station No. 3, 4140 S. School Street, Fayetteville Municipal Airport, Drake Field
Frisco Depot, 550 W. Dickson Street
Goff Farm Stone Bridge, Goff Farm Road, approximately 0.5 miles east of Dead Horse Mountain Road
Troy Gordon House, 9 E. Township Road

Gregg House, 339 N. Gregg Street
Guisinger Building, E. Mountain Street
Hantz House, 855 Fairview Drive
Happy Hollow Farm, 2099 Aqua Crossing
Headquarters House, 118 E. Dickson Street
Hemingway House and Barn, 3310 Old Missouri Road
Home Economics Building, University of Arkansas
Jackson House, 1500 Mission Highway (Highway 45)
Johnson Barn, Cato Springs Road north of Round Top Mountain
E. Fay and Gus Jones House, 1330 N. Hillcrest
Lafayette Street Overpass, Lafayette Street over the St. Louis-San Francisco railroad tracks
Lewis Brothers Building, 1 S. Block Avenue
Magnolia Company Filling Station, 492 W. Lafayette Street
Maple Street Overpass, Maple Street over the St. Louis-San Francisco railroad tracks
Men's Gymnasium, now known as the Faulkner Performing Arts Center, University of Arkansas, south of the intersection of Garland and Maple streets.
Mount Nord Historic District, Mount Nord Avenue
Mount Sequoyah Cottages, 808 & 810 E. Skyline Drive
Willis Noll House, 531 N. Sequoyah Drive
Old Bank of Fayetteville Building, 100 W. Center Street
Old Main, University of Arkansas
Old Post Office, City Square
Ridge House, 230 W. Center Street
Routh-Bailey House, Old Wire Road, 3 miles east of Fayetteville
Lynn Shelton American Legion Post No. 27, 28 S. College Avenue
Peter Smyth House, 1629 Crossover Street
Skillern House, 3470 E. Skillern Road
Son's Chapel, 5480 E. Mission Boulevard
Strengthen the Arm of Liberty Monument, 3215 N. North Hills Boulevard
Student Union Building, now known as Memorial Hall, University of Arkansas, southeast of intersection of Maple Street and Storer Avenue
Tharp House, 15 N. West Avenue

University of Arkansas Campus Historic District, roughly bounded by Garland Avenue, Maple Street, Arkansas Avenue, and Dickson Street
John S. Vest House, 21 N. West Street
Villa Rosa, 617 W. Lafayette
Wade-Heerwagen House, 338 Washington Avenue
Walker Family Plot, 514 E. Rock Street
Walker-Knerr-Williams House, Knerr Road
Vol Walker Library, University of Arkansas, south of intersection of Maple Street and Storer Avenue
Walker-Stone House, 207 Center Street
Washington County Courthouse, College Avenue and Center Street
Washington County Jail, College and County Avenues
Washington-Willow Historic District, roughly bounded by College and Walnut Avenues and Rebecca and Spring Streets.; also roughly Spring, Dickson, Sutton, and Lafayette Streets. from Olive Avenue to Willow Avenue, and the junction of Rebecca Street and Willow
Waterman-Archer House, 2148 Markham
West Dickson Street Commercial Historic District, roughly Dickson Street between Arkansas and St. Charles Avenues, and West Avenue between Dickson and Lafayette Streets
Wilson Park Historic District, roughly bounded by College Avenue, Maple Street, Wilson Avenue, and Louise Street
Wilson-Pittman-Campbell-Gregory House, 405 E. Dickson Street
Mrs. Young Building, 5 S. Block Ave.

Greenland

Black Oak Cemetery, County Road 243, 4 miles southwest of Greenland
Old U.S. 71, Greenland Segment, County Road 1194 (S. Main Ave.)

Johnson

Johnson House and Mill, west of Johnson on Johnson Road
Johnson Switch Building, 3201 Main Street

Lincoln

Bean Cemetery, northern side of U.S. Route 62, about 2.2 miles west of its junction with Highway 45

Morrow

Twin Bridges Historic District, County Road 3412 across an unnamed creek and Old County Road 11 across Baron Fork

Prairie Grove

Borden House, northeast of Prairie Grove on U.S. Route 62
Cane Hill Road Bridge, Highway 170 over the Little Red River
Highway B-29 Bridge, County Road 623 over the Illinois River
Lake-Bell House, north of Prairie Grove
Prairie Grove Battlefield Park, within a triangle formed by North Road on the northwest and U.S. Route 62 on the south; also the northern side of U.S. Route 62, east of Prairie Grove; also north of U.S. Route 62, east of Prairie Grove
Prairie Grove Cemetery Historic Section, bounded by Kate Smith, Buchanan and Park streets
Prairie Grove Airlight Outdoor Telephone Booth, southwest corner of E. Douglas and Parker streets
Southern Mercantile Building, 107 E. Buchanan
John Tilley House, west of Prairie Grove on Stonewall Road

Savoy

Illinois River Bridge at Phillips Ford, County Road 848
Lake Wedington Historic District, junction of Highway 16 and Forest Service Road 1750 in the Ozark-St. Francis National Forest

Spring Valley

Spring Valley School District 120 Building, County Road 379

Springdale

Beely-Johnson American Legion Post 139, 200 N. Spring Street
Fishback School, Highway 68 North

Fitzgerald Station and Farmstead, 2327 Old Wire Road and 1567 Dodd Avenue
House at 712 N. Mill Street
Old Springdale High School, Johnson Street at Thompson Street
Price Produce and Service Station, 413, 415 & 417 E. Emma Avenue
Rabbit Foot Lodge, 2711 Silent Grove Road
Shiloh Church, Huntsville and Main Streets
Shiloh Historic District , roughly bounded by Spring Creek, Shiloh, Main, Mill, and Spring streets
Springdale Poultry Industry Historic District, 317 & 319 E. Emma and 316 E. Meadow avenues

Strickler

Butterfield Overland Mail Route Segment, Bugscuffle Road south of Strickler and Old Cove City Road north of Chester

Tontitown

Bariola Farm, 329 Ardemagni Road
St. Joseph Catholic Church, 110 E. Henri de Tonti Boulevard
Tontitown School Building, U.S. 412

West Fork

Mineral Springs Community Building, County Road 34, east of West Fork

Winslow

Devil's Den State Park Historic District, Highway 74 west of Winslow

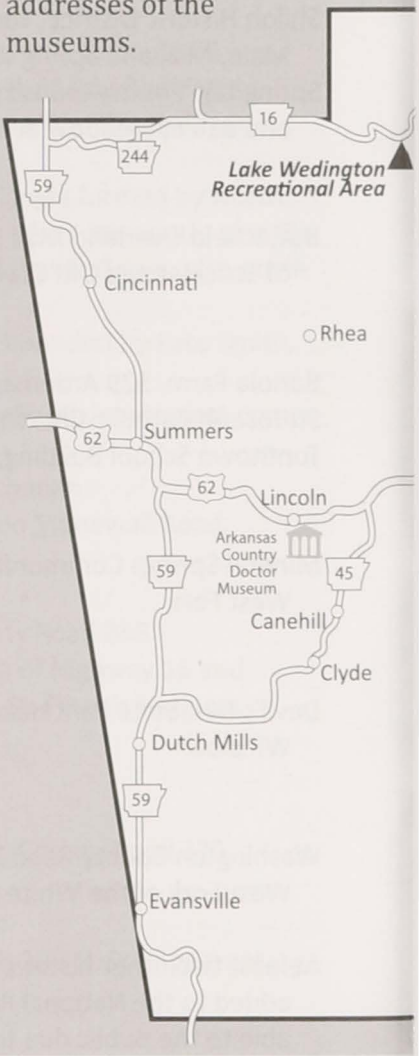
Woolsey

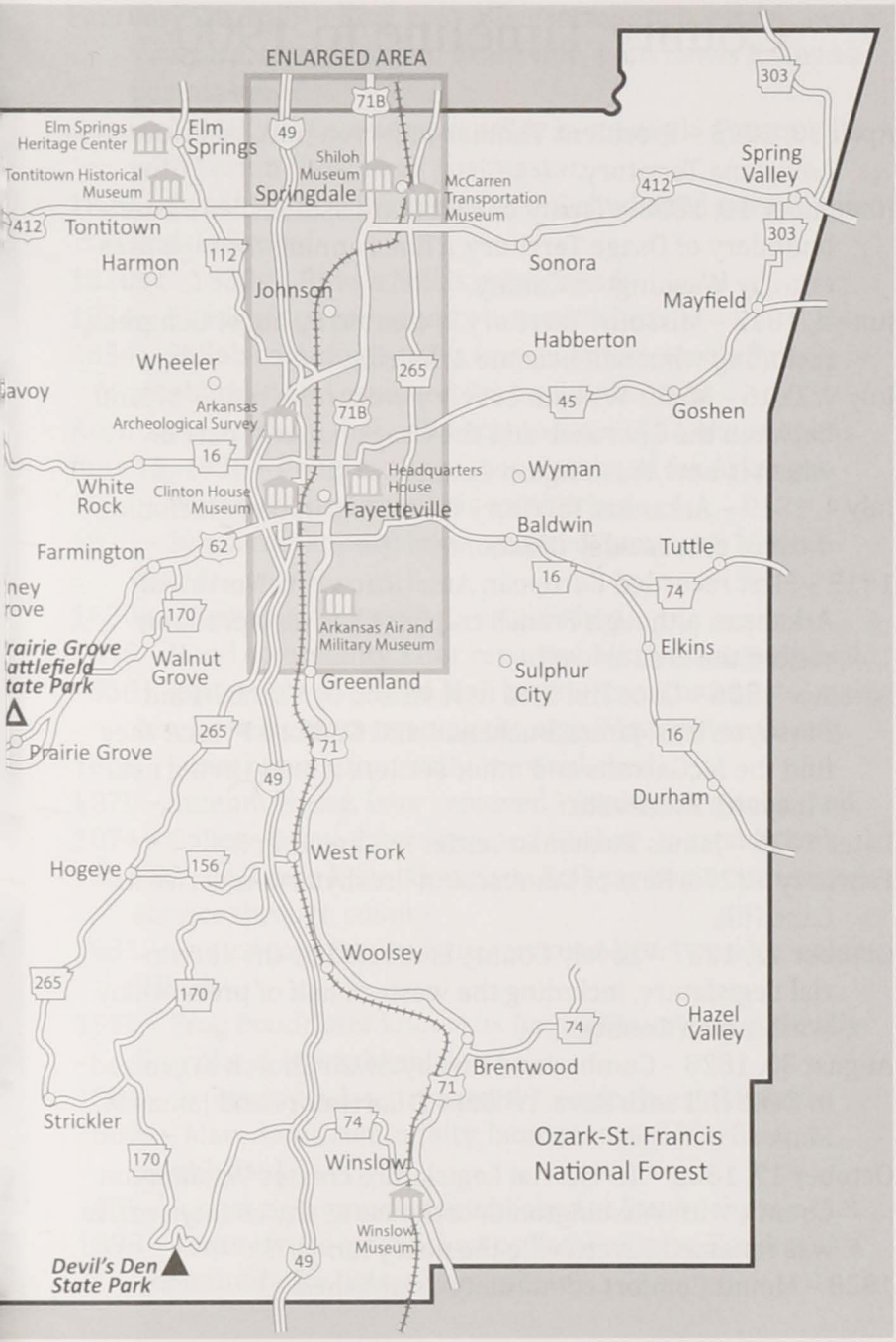
Washington County Road 35 Bridge, County Road 35 over the West Fork of the White River

At least two other historic sites in Washington County have been added to the National Register, but their locations are not available to the public due to safety and accessibility concerns.

Washington County Road Map

See Page 53 for addresses of the museums.

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Goshen
White Rock
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County Timeline to 1900

April 30, 1803 – President Thomas Jefferson purchases the Louisiana Territory.

November 10, 1808 – Treaty of Fort Clark establishes eastern boundary of Osage Territory, a line running through present-day Washington County.

June 4, 1812 – Missouri Territory is created by act of Congress, including what will become Arkansas.

July 9, 1816 – Major William Lovely purchases a buffer of land between the Cherokee and the Osage nations, part of which is now Washington County.

July 4, 1819 – Arkansas Territory is created, initially including most of present-day Oklahoma.

1819 – First recorded European American visits Northwest Arkansas, although French trappers had also probably visited the area as well.

Summer 1826 – Cane Hill area first visited by Cumberland Presbyterians, James Buchanan and Guilford Pylant; they find the McGarrahs and other settlers already living near Vineyard, Evansville.

Later 1826 – James Buchanan settles in Cane Hill.

February 1827 – Rest of Cumberland Presbyterians arrive in Cane Hill.

October 13, 1827 – Lovely County is created by the Territorial Legislature, including the western half of present-day Washington County

August 30, 1828 – Cumberland Presbyterian Church organized in Cane Hill with Revs. William T. Larrimore and James M. Blair.

October 17, 1828 – Territorial Legislature creates Washington County, with Washington Courthouse as the county seat. It was renamed Fayetteville the next year.

1828 – Mount Comfort community established.

February 21, 1829 – First post office in county is established at Vineyard, later renamed Evansville, with Lewis Evans as postmaster.

August 27, 1829 – Second post office in county in Fayetteville with Larkin Newton as postmaster.

1829 – Sweet Home community established and later renamed Prairie Grove.

1820s to 1830s – Rhea's Mill is established.

1831 – Elm Springs community is established.

1834 – Shiloh community, also known as Holcomb's Spring, is established and renamed Springdale in 1878.

April 1835 – School that will become Cane Hill College opens.

June 15, 1836 – Congress approves statehood for Arkansas.

1836 – West Fork community is established.

1838 – Sylvia community, later renamed Summers, is established.

1830s – Durham community is established.

1855 – Hood community, later renamed Elkins, is established.

1858 – Butterfield Overland Mail begins transcontinental mail service with route running through Washington County.

1868 – Farmington community is established.

1870 – Summit Home, later renamed Winslow, is established.

1874 – College Grove, later renamed Goshen, is established.

1881-82 – St. Louis & San Francisco Railway begins passenger service through county.

1881 – Gunter community, later renamed Brentwood, is established.

1882 – Frog Pond, later known as Rugby, Staunton and finally Greenland, is established.

1884 – Georgetown, later renamed Lincoln, is established.

1880s – Macedonia community, later renamed Mayfield, is established.

1886 – Johnson community established at Jacob Johnson Mill.

1898 – Tontitown is established by Father Pietro Bandini as a community for Italian immigrants.

Above, Mullins Library, the primary research library on the University of Arkansas campus. The university's Special Collections Department is on the basement floor of the building. Below, re-enactors fire artillery during a commemoration at Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park.

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www.washcohistoricalsociety.org

Above, members of Washington County Historical Society's Heritage School dance to a 19th century song during a performance at the society's annual Ice Cream Social on the grounds of Headquarters House. Below, re-enactors at an encampment during the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Fayetteville.

Annual Festivals and Events

April

Annual Park Day, Prairie Grove State Park, 479-846-2990
Battle of Fayetteville Commemoration, 479-521-2970
Easter Egg Roundup, Springdale, www.rodeooftheozarks.org
Razorfest, Fayetteville, championsforkids.org/razorfest
Springfest, Fayetteville, 479-521-5776, fayettevillespringfest.com

May

Cinco de Mayo, Springdale, www.hwoa.org
Fayetteville Foam Fest, www.fayettevillefoamfest.com
First Thursdays, Fayetteville Square, 479-521-5776, through fall
Ozark Arts and Crafts Fairs, regional
Spring Carnival, Springdale, www.rodeooftheozarks.org

June

Arkansas New Play Festival, Fayetteville, 479-445-6333
Bat-O-Rama, Devil's Den State Park, 479-761-3325
Lincoln Rodeo, www.lincolnarkansas.com
Northwest Arkansas Juneteenth Celebration, UA African American Resource Group, diversity.uark.edu/juneteenth
Rodeo of the Ozarks, Springdale, www.rodeooftheozarks.org
Southern Memorial Day, Fayetteville, 479-824-3910
Statehood Day, www.washcohistoricalsociety.org, 479-521-2970
Western Days, Springdale, www.rodeooftheozarks.org

July

Rodeo of the Ozarks, Springdale, www.rodeooftheozarks.org
Fourth of July Fireworks, Northwest Arkansas Mall
Annual Devil's Den Games, Devil's Den State Park, 479-761-3325
Firefly Fling, Botanical Garden of the Ozarks, Fayetteville, www.bgozrks.org

August

Clothesline Fair, Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park, 479-846-2990
Fayetteville Roots Festival, 479-521-5776
Ice Cream Social, www.washcohistoricalsociety.org, 479-521-2970
Tontitown Grape Festival, www.tontitowngrapefestival.com
Washington County Fair, Fayetteville, www.mywashcofair.com
WCHS Ice Cream Social, Fayetteville, 479-521-2870

September

Bikes, Blues & BBQ, Fayetteville, www.bikesbluesandbbq.org
Cane Hill Harvest Festival, www.canehill.weebly.com
Ozark Quilt Fair, Springdale, www.shilohmuseum.org
Winfest Music Festival, Winslow, winfest.weebly.com

October

Arkansas Apple Festival, Lincoln, www.arkansasapplefestival.org
ArkanSalsa Fest, Springdale, www.onecommunityar.org/en/arkan-salsa
Hispanic Heritage Festival, Fayetteville, www.fayettevillear.com/hispanic-heritage-festival.html
Fall Carnival, Springdale, www.rodeooftheozarks.org
Ozarks Arts & Crafts Fairs, regional

November

Lights of the Ozarks, Fayetteville Square

December

Battle of Prairie Grove Reenactment, even years, Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park, 479-846-2990
WCHS Holiday Open House, Fayetteville, 479-521-2870
Last Night, Dec. 31, Fayetteville Square

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65	4.7%	Husband 65, Wife 60	4.0%
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80	6.8%	Husband 80, Wife 75	5.3%

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Contact Katie Tennant, executive director of Fayetteville Area Community Foundation, a local affiliate office of Arkansas Community Foundation. Contact her at fayettevillearea@arcf.org or 479-444-6880.

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